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THE HAGEDORN LITTLE VILLAGE SCHOOL

JACK JOEL CENTER FOR SPECIAL CHILDREN

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2019-2020



*Jack Joel Center for Special Children*



# Letter From the Executive Director...

December, 2019

Dear Families and Friends,

It is a great pleasure for me to write to you this holiday season, as we celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> year of The Hagedorn Little Village School, *Jack Joel Center for Special Children* (HLVS)! I hope that 2019 was a great year for you and your family and friends.



It is hard to believe 50 years have passed since our Founders, Dr. Caryl Bank and Dr. Barbara Feingold, began their incredible journey to create HLVS. As special education teachers working together with school-aged children, they had the foresight, the determination, and the dedication to set in motion a program that today provides services to more than 1,200 families each year. From a rented, one classroom program to our current and permanent 77,000 square foot state-of-the-art facility, HLVS has grown over the past 5 decades in order to meet the needs of our surrounding communities.

Even as we commemorate the past 50 years of providing the finest special education and therapeutic services to children and families, we are keeping our eyes focused on the future. We are continually exploring new technologies, training, and adaptive equipment to best meet the needs of our students. Although we have grown in size, the qualities that define us have remained consistent. Our staff are highly skilled, compassionate and dedicated to helping each child reach their highest potential!

This year we will be celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary at a special gala. This will be held on March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Details can be found on the “save the date” on the opposite page. We will be taking this opportunity to recognize many of our past honorees, our supporters, our Board of Trustees, and our Founders, while enjoying a great evening of entertainment. This will be a great time to catch up with old friends, connect with new, and an opportunity to share a historic evening with us. I hope to see many of you there! Please consider attending, or supporting the event with a journal entry, sponsorship, etc.

On behalf of our students, our staff, and our Board of Trustees, we hope that all of you enjoy a happy and healthy holiday season!

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jon Feingold, Ph.D.".

Jon Feingold, Ph.D.  
Executive Director

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**Featured  
Entertainment!!**



# SAVE *the* DATE

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2020 | 6 P.M.

**Master of  
Ceremonies  
Joe Piscopo!**



Little Village's 50<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary  
GOLDEN RULE AWARD

*Gala*

**HERITAGE CLUB**

*at Bethpage*

99 Quaker Meeting House Road  
Farmingdale, New York 11735

Live Entertainment | Sponsorships Available  
Contact Jennifer Kirincic at 516.520.6043 for more information.



# *Little Village's 28th Annual Golf Classic*

Little Village's 28th Annual Golf Outing was held on Monday, June 3rd at the Pine Hollow Country Club. It was a beautiful sunny day of golf and food and everyone had a great time. Our third annual *Drew Weidhorn Humanitarian Award* (in honor and recognition of our dear friend and Board of Trustee Member **Drew Weidhorn**) was presented to **Keith Frankel** (pictured center below with Little Village Executive Director Dr. **Jon Feingold**). Keith is the Founder and CEO of VitaQuest International, was a great friend of Drew and is a huge supporter of Little Village.

Thank you to all our golfers, dinner guests, and donors! Thank you to our three Golf Committee chairpersons **Michael Raab, Paul Adimando** and **Jeff Lew**, our golf committee members, and all of our sponsors: Gold Sponsor: Charney Marketing Services; Silver Sponsors: Mutual of America and LNK International; and our on-course sponsors: Armand D'Amato, Hi-Tek Data Corporation, Gerry and Sue Levy Charitable Foundation, Package All Corporation, and Rockefeller Capital Management. A final, special thank you to Missy Weidhorn for her generosity, support and friendship!





# *Graduation 2019*





# The 2019 Golden Rule Award Dinner

On Thursday evening, January 24th, Little Village honored our 2019 Golden Rule Award Recipients **Gerry Levy, Neil Levy and the entire Levy family** (top picture below) for a 'lifetime' of support of Little Village! We also honored Little Village Medical Director **Dr. Vijaya Atluru** (bottom picture front row left) for her remarkable support and service for over 40 years! It was a beautiful celebration held again at the Fresh Meadow Country Club in Lake Success. Thank you to our sponsors, donors and attendees who all helped to make this a wonderful evening!





# Vietnam Veterans of America #82, Nassau County Chapter Supports Little Village

Through the generosity of the **Vietnam Veterans of America #82, Nassau County Chapter**, HLVS was fortunate to receive a "Light Box" and accessories for use with our students who have visual impairments. The illuminated surface of a "Light Box" makes a variety of visual tasks easier to perform by helping students better use their available vision. It can be used to help students develop awareness of light, color and objects.

We were so grateful for this wonderful gift.



## *Parent Association Fashion Show*

Little Village is blessed with an amazing Parent Association. Their effort and support of the school is so appreciated. This past April, the Parent Association, lead by Fashion Show Chairpersons **Melissa Flick, Kristin Maisano** and **Amanda Varelakis** coordinated another wonderful evening. The runway was filled with many of our children models and staff as they wore fun fashions from the decades! A very special thank you to our wonderful sponsors and supporters, including our *Hustle Sponsors*, **Nick and Amanda Varelakis!**





# *Celebrating 50 Fabulous*



**October 1969**

Little Village Opens  
With  
3 children & 1 class



**September 1994**

LVS Moves To Bellmore,  
renamed to include *Jack  
Joel Center for Special  
Children* and &  
Expands to 15 Classes



**August 1979**

Little Village Moves  
To Garden City &  
Expands to 10 Classes





# *Years Of Little Village!*



**September 2015**  
The Drew Weidhorn  
Wing is added to Little  
Village with 7 new classes  
and a 2nd OT/PT Gym



**July 2002**  
HLVS Opens in Seaford and  
is renamed The Hagedorn  
Little Village School, *Jack Joel  
Center for Special Children*



**November 2019**  
Celebrating 50 years!  
350 students, 40  
classes & 1000+  
Families served!



*Until no child needs us,  
we need you....  
For another 50 years!*



# *Special Events Throughout the Year!*

## *Babysitting Night!*



## *Our Annual Train Ride*



## *Family Fun Day*



## *Field Day*





# *Special Events Throughout the Year!*

## *Valentines Day Bake Sale*



## *Book Fair*



## *Lucky Charm Dance*



## *2019 Fun Fridays in the Summer!*





# *Holiday Appeal 2019*



Wishing all of our  
students, families, friends and supporters  
a joyous and healthy holiday season!

The holiday season is always very special at Little Village. Won't you consider helping our special children reach for the stars this holiday season by remembering Little Village. Your generosity is appreciated in countless ways by our students and their families who depend on your support.

Enclosed in this newsletter is an envelope to fill out and return. Any gift you can give will go a very long way towards supporting our programs, and maintaining a place of learning, comfort and growth for our special children.

***Until no child needs us, we need you!***

## **Thank You Giving Hope Network!**

Thank you to the Giving Hope Network (GHN) for their continued support of Little Village. Most recently, GHN donated 20 new iPads, cases, and chargers for our students.

The Mission of GHN ([givinghopenetwork.org](http://givinghopenetwork.org)) is to develop shared solutions for large, complex societal challenges by inspiring and mobilizing a passionate and capable community committed to making a big difference in people's lives.



## **Please Welcome Our Newest Board of Trustee Member Patricia McCarthy**

Please join us in welcoming Trish McCarthy as the newest member of Little Village's Board of Trustees!  
**Congratulations Tricia!**





## Thank You!

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If you are including charitable gifts as part of your estate planning, please consider making a bequest in your will to help further the mission of Little Village through our endowed programs. To make a bequest to The Hagedorn Little Village School, Jack Joel Center for Special Children, a 501(C)3 organization, your attorney may find the following language helpful: **"I give, devise and bequeath to** The Hagedorn Little Village School, Jack Joel Center for Special Children the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (describe the gift or specify the percentage of the estate)."

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**2020 Casino Night: January 24, 2020 • Memorare Hall**

**2020 Fashion Show: April 23, 2020 • Crest Hollow Country Club**

**2020 Golf Classic: June 15, 2020 • Cold Spring Country Club**

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